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4 December 1954

The Honorable
Sinclair Weeks
Secretary of Commerce
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Weeks:

I have your letter of November 24 describing the steps your Department has taken to implement NSC 5427 and requesting this Agency to nominate a representative to serve on the Advisory Committee you are establishing.

I am fully aware of the importance of this program to prevent unnecessary disclosure of strategic information to our potential enemies. I therefore selected [REDACTED] a senior member of our Board of National Estimates as our representative on your interdepartmental committee. I am certain you will find him fully qualified to present all aspects of intelligence bearing on the work of the committee.

In accordance with your instructions he will promptly get in touch with Mr. Honaman.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Sinclair:

I have written you a formal reply to your letter of 24 November, nominating one of our very senior men on your committee to prevent unnecessary disclosure of strategic information to our potential enemies.

I wanted to add this personal line as I feel very strongly about this matter and sincerely hope that your committee will come up with an answer to this perplexing problem. Also, I may say I feel that the disclosures are not only through private channels but that various branches of the government itself also bear responsibility. In fact, there is far too much written about my own shop and I am trying to cut this down.

In any event, I just wanted to assure you of my keen interest in the project and desire to help in any way. As of possible interest, I enclose a copy of an interview I gave David Lawrence some months ago which touched on this subject and got a good bit of publicity at the time.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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